

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 2 into it. Accordingly, claim 2 has been canceled.

Moreover, claim 19 has been canceled and rewritten as new claim 75

Because claims 2 and 19 were pending (and, as explained below, allowable) before issuance of the final rejection mailed April 20, 2006, no new issues have been raised by the above amendments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of these amendments at this time.

Also, claims 63-73 have been renumbered as claims 64-74. This renumbering was necessitated by the presence of two claims 63 in the previous amendment.

Claims 1, 3-16, 18, and 20-75 are currently pending.

Initially, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 3-16 and 18-73 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. patent 5,500,218 ("Kischka"). In view of the following comments, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to require the oxyethylenated polymer to be present in the composition in an amount of 5-20% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

Kischka neither teaches nor suggests this invention.

Specifically, Kischka requires the presence of **at least 27%** PEG (2700-4800) and/or PEG (5600-9000). (Col. 1, line 64 through col. 2, line 13). In this regard, Applicant notes that when PEG (5600-9000) is present, Kischka also requires the presence of at least 25%

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PEG (2700-4800) for a total of at least 27% PEG compounds. (Col. 2, lines 9-13). Moreover, all of Kischka's examples contain well over 20% PEG compounds. Because claim 1 as amended requires the presence of 5-20% of such PEG compounds, Kischka cannot anticipate this claim.

Moreover, no motivation would have existed to modify Kischka's compositions by using significantly less PEG compounds in his compositions as is required by the claimed invention. Kischka makes clear that at least 27% PEG compound is necessary to achieve his desired results (such as, for example, to obtain a "highly viscous, waxy, glue-like consistency"). To use less than 27% PEG compound would have been directly contrary to Kischka's disclosure.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

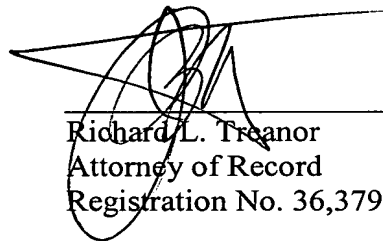
The Office Action also objected to claim 19 as improperly depending from claim 62. Applicant respectfully submits that the cancellation of claim 19 and addition of new claim 75 renders this objection moot.

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Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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